

1777

The Continental Congress
declared Thanksgiving
a national Holiday

July 12, 1777

The settlers of Vermont
(officially became a state in 1791)
adopted a constitution, the
first in America to ban
slavery and enact universal
manhood suffrage.

July 27, 1777

The Marquis de Lafayette
arrived in Philadelphia from
France and offered his
services to the Continental
Congress, which commissioned
him a major general.

Oct 4 1777

At Germantown, British troops
defeat Gen. George Washington's
continental Army which suffers
152 killed, 521 wounded and
about 400 captured.

Oct. 17, 1777

At Saratoga, Gen. John Burgoyne
surrendered more than 5,500 redcoats
and Hessians to Gen. Horatio Gates

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Baltimore was meeting
place of Continental Congress.

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Battle of Saratoga

Decisive

The American General Gates defeated the British under Burgoyne and won the alliance of France by this decisive victory.

Sept 11, 1777

Battle of Brandywine

British forces under Gen. William
Howe (Aug 10, 1777 - July 12, 1814)
defeated American Continental
Army under Gen. George Washington
along Brandywine Creek near
Chadds Ford, Penn.

Sept 27, 1777. The British continued
the offensive and seized
Philadelphia

Aug 14-16, 1777

Battle of Bennington

New England militiamen, aided
by the Green Mountain Boys
routed Hessian-British forces
during Saratoga Campaign

Oct. 7, 1777

Battle of Bemis Heights
American revolutionary forces
halted British redcoats under
Gen. Burgoyne; Gen. Benedict
Arnold led fierce counterattack
against the Redcoats.

July 14, 1777

~~the~~ The Continental Congress passed
the first flag act.

"Resolved, that the flag of the 13 United
States be 13 stripes, seven alternate red
and white; that the union be 13 stars,
white in blue field, representing
a new constellation,